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Statistical Analysis of Requests for Intelligence Information  
Received by OCD Divisions in 1950 and 1951

A total of over 27,000 recorded requests for intelligence information were received by five OCD Divisions in 1951, an increase of 29% over the 1950 total of less than 21,000. Of the 1951 total, 84% came from CIA offices, 15% from the IAC agencies, and 1% from other agencies.

The attached tables show the number of requests received in 1950 and 1951 from each CIA Office and IAC Agency, and the number received by each OCD Division from each source.

The largest number of requests came from ORR with 22% of the total, OSI was next with 14%, and OPC third with 11%. These three CIA Offices accounted for nearly half of the total recorded requests received by the five OCD Divisions in 1951.

These totals do not include the many informal requests for spot information or assistance that are received and serviced by all OCD Divisions without being recorded. Nor do they include the document requests serviced by the Library which amounted to nearly 72,000 in 1951, an increase of 36% over the 1950 total of less than 53,000. The operations of the Special Register and Machine Division are also excluded from the compilation.

The following table shows the number of requests received by each Division in the past two years, and the percentage increase in 1951:

OCD Division	Requests Received		% Increase in 1951
	1950	1951	
Biographic	2,424	3,623	50%
Graphics	4,440	5,079	14%
Industrial	1,272	2,524	98%
Total for 3 Registers	8,136	11,226	38%
Liaison (RD's only)	2,147	1,804	(-16%)
Library (Reference only)	10,672	14,063	32%
TOTAL OCD	20,955	27,093	29%

The 1951 decrease in RD's (Requirement Directives) received by Liaison Division is a reflection of the Division's efforts to satisfy requesters by informal action with a minimum of paperwork and record keeping. For example, requests for documents that need to be obtained through Liaison channels have not been handled or counted as RD's since last June. There were 290 such requests in the last half of 1951

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that were handled informally and therefore not included in the RD total, as they would have been under previous procedures.

The requests received by Graphics Register are recorded separately by the Photograph Branch and the Film Branch, as shown in the attached table. The number received by Photograph Branch increased 26% in 1951, while the Film Branch showed a small decrease of 1%. This decrease was partly due to the fact that facilities for showing 35 mm films were limited early in 1951, and no such facilities have been available since last July.

The table below shows the three principal requesters for each OCD Division, listed in the order of number of requests received from each source:

	BR	GR		IR	LD	LY	Total OCD
		Photo	Film				
1.	OSI	Army	TRD	ORR	ORR	ORR	ORR
2.	OPC	Air	OSO	OSI	OSI	OSI	OSI
3.	OCI	State	OPC	<del>Army</del> OSO	<del>Army</del> OCI	OPC	OPC

The increase of more than 6,100 requests in 1951 came largely from OSI, OCI, Training, and Army. OSI requests more than doubled from 1,800 to over 3,600; OCI increased by 1,360 from only 3 in 1950; Training (including TRD) was also a relatively new source in 1951, with over 1,300 requests compared with less than 100 in the previous year; the IAC agencies increased their requests from under 3,000 to over 4,000, with more than half the increase coming from Army.

ORR was the largest source of requests with nearly 5,900 in 1951, as compared with 5,400 in 1950 from both the old ORE and the new ORR after it was organized in the latter part of the year. There was a small increase in requests from OO, and a small decrease from OPC and OSO. The latter was probably due to their training requests being recorded as coming from TRD instead of from the Offices.

Around 3,000 requests were recorded as originating within OCD in both 1950 and 1951. These represent requests made by one Division of OCD to another Division, and it is probable that the greater part of them are actually made on behalf of an outside requester who might otherwise have to be referred to the other OCD Division for completion of the original request.

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